

## **POLITICAL AND CAMPAIGN SIGNS**

Section 27-707 (16) Billings, Montana City Code

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“(16) Political or campaign signs on behalf of candidates for public office or measures on election ballots provided that said signs are subject to the following regulations:

- a. Such signs may be erected not earlier than forty-five (45) days prior to the primary or special election and shall be removed within fifteen (15) days following the general or special election. If there is no primary election scheduled, the signs may not be erected earlier than the forty-five (45) days prior to the general election. After the primary election, signs pertaining to any candidate or ballot issue not on the general or special election shall be removed within fifteen (15) days after the primary election, unless the candidate is conducting a write-in campaign. This provision does not prohibit a successful primary candidate from erecting additional signs after the primary election or an unopposed candidate at the primary from erecting signs prior to or immediately after the primary election.
- b. In any zone, such signs do not exceed thirty-two (32) square feet in aggregate area and, if detached do not exceed six (6) feet in height. Signs over thirty (30) inches in height shall comply with the clear vision standards as required by Section 27-615 “Visibility at Intersections”. Such signs shall not be erected in such a manner as to constitute a roof sign. Notwithstanding the provisions of this subsection, a sign may be placed upon any legally existing sign structure, but not so as to cover an already existing current sign.
- c. No political sign shall be located within or over the public right-of-way or on a utility pole.
- d. No political sign shall be placed, installed, or erected without the permission of the private property owner.

**FAILURE TO COMPLY WITH THIS OR ANY OTHER ORDINANCE MAY CONSTITUTE A MISDEMEANOR AND IS SUBJECT TO CITATION AND COURT ACTION.**